

### Santa Claus

**STOUFFVILLE** — Stuffville will have a Santa Claus Parade this year. The Kinsmen are organizing the parade with the backing of the local merchants and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Those wishing to enter floats in the parade should contact Murray Ferguson at 640-2374. The parade this year is Saturday Nov. 30 at 2 p.m.

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## Council moves to close dump

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**STOUFFVILLE** — Whitchurch-Stouffville Council, Tuesday night, unanimously passed a by-law to close the Bremner dump.

The by-law prohibits "the dumping or disposing of garbage, refuse or domestic or industrial waste of any kind within the whole of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville" to be effective April 1.

The passage of the by-law followed a special session of council held at Latham Hall Monday at which time more than 60 people turned out to demand the closing of the dump.

"A tremendous amount of scientific and technical data has been presented," said Councillor Jim Wong. "Both sides are acting on unproven theories. Nobody has come up with anything concrete pro or con. Nobody can give us assurances one way or the other. There is only one simple fact that everybody is agreed upon — in all of the reports they say that's a lousy place to put a dump."

"This is an affront and an outrageous thing that should never have been tolerated in the first place," said Councillor Merlyn Baker, a long time opponent of the York Sanitation operation.

Councillor Baker accused Industrial Waste Management Ltd., the parent company, of polluting the Oak Ridges Moraine, "the most significant geographical feature of southern Ontario beside the Niagara Escarpment."

"It took an order from the Minister (of the Environment) to exert some control over that site," said Councillor Art Starr, "there was no voluntary effort on the part of the owner to comply with the wishes of the municipality."

"We are not obligated to accept Metro Toronto's garbage," asserted Mayor Gordon Ratcliff.

"We now have an obligation to find a place to put our own garbage," warned Councillor June Bulton.

Mayor Ratcliff observed finding an alternate dumping site, "will be a challenge to this council and the next council."

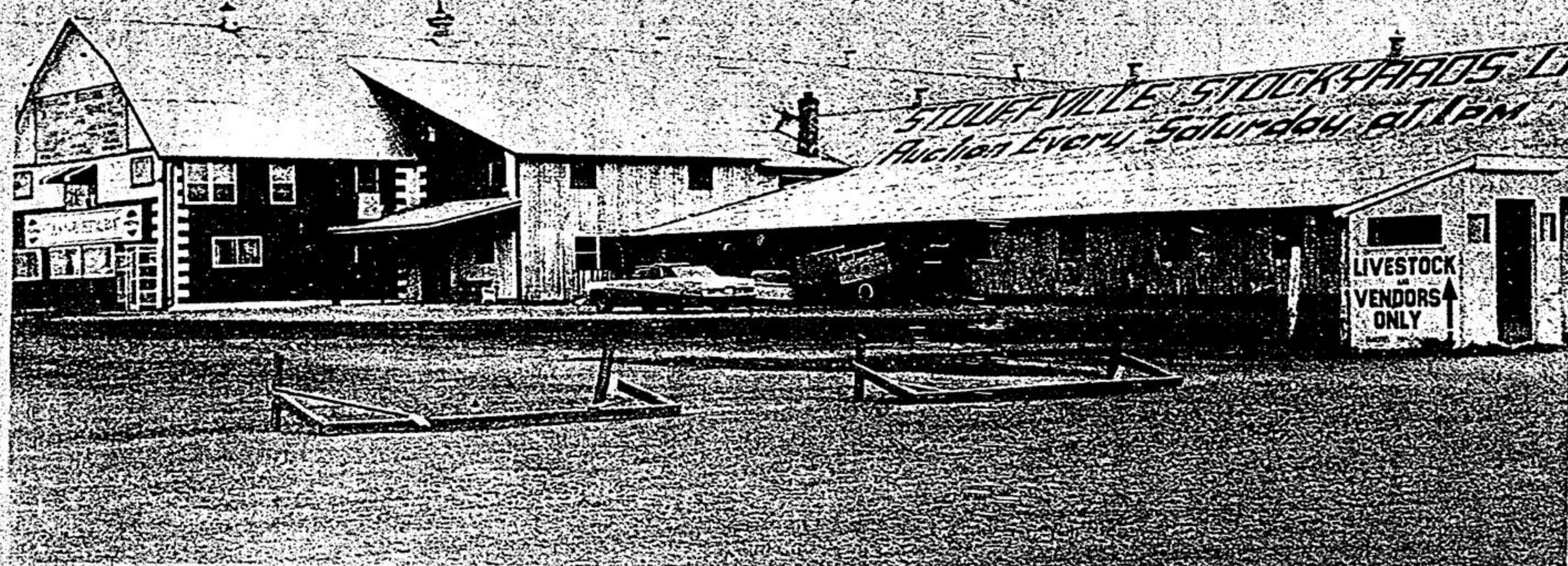
When the by-law was passed no representative of York Sanitation was present and in marked contrast to earlier public meetings only two ratepayers opposed to the site were on hand. Present were Denis Sainsbury, President of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Conservation Club and Jim Sanders a member of Preserve Our Water Resources (POWR).

The by-law does not come into effect until after the Nov. 5 Environmental Hearing. No one at present seems sure of what effect the by-law will have on this hearing.

Council chose to ignore a warning delivered at the last council meeting by Murray Chusid, solicitor for York Sanitation that, "You may very well be prejudicing your position," by passing a by-law to close the dump.

At that time Mr. Chusid said, "I tell you with perfect cynicism that York is better off to have you pass a by-law. You would be defending yourself in front of the Environmental Board."

Mr. Chusid summed up his argument in one sentence, "We are operating within the law." Council's Tuesday night decision casts some doubt on this statement.



Stouffville Stockyard has come under fire from the Ontario Humane Society for the treatment of animals at the auction barn. OHS charges that veterinarians, employed by the provincial government, are not enforcing the regulations. —Don Bernard.

## Federal grant approved for lake

**MUSS LAKE**—Cedars of Musseiman's Lake, a budding cottage industry project, has received another large grant from the Federal government under the Local Employment Assistance Program (LEAP).

Margaret Gibbons, assistant manager of the project, told The Tribune that the funding is for this year and could extend for three years. The total grant is just over \$95,000.

She said that it will pay the salaries for a business manager, assistant manager, bookkeeper, driver, salesman and six craft trainees, working four days a week.

"It is to help develop a craft industry in the community," Mrs. Gibbons said.

She said that long range plans could include forming a co-operative to market the craft goods produced in Musseiman's Lake.

## Ward 2 candidate enters the fray

**BALLANTRAE** — Becky Wedley, Ballantrae, has announced her decision to enter the political ring.

Explaining her decision to run for Ward Two, Mrs. Wedley commented, "When I see a need around me, I am the type of person who has to get involved."

Mrs. Wedley will not be opposing Ward Two incumbent Jim Wong as he has decided against running for a second term. Mr. Wong refused to disclose whether he has any other political aspirations.

Mrs. Wedley sees development as the major campaign issue. "I don't believe we should prevent all development, but rather to guide it so that the benefits are obtained and the difficulties that can arise are avoided."

Mrs. Wedley is deeply involved in local activities. She played an active part in organizing baseball in the municipality, and is an executive of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Centennial Centre. She is a member of the Ballantrae Home and School Association, and is the Organizer and Convenor of the Ballantrae Youth Club.

Ward Six is currently represented by Councillor Eldred King, who has to date made no public announcement of his political ambitions in the Dec. 2 municipal elections.

Mr. Sanders, an eight year resident of Stouffville, has been chairman of the library board for the past two years, is involved with the POWR organization which is fighting to have the York Sanitation dump closed and he along with his wife, Lovanna, are current presidents of the United Church Couples Club.

"The question," Mr. Sanders said, "is whether we are going to give in to the pressures of developers or whether we are going to plan the community making use of the rural areas."

He is employed as a teacher-librarian at Sir John A. Macdonald High School in Scarborough.

## Parking meeting

**STOUFFVILLE** — A meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m., Oct. 29 in the council chambers to present to the downtown businessmen proposals for off-street parking.

According to the Parking Committee Chairman, Eldred King, the meeting is being held to "bring forth the facts accumulated to date," concerning possible sites for off-street parking.

## More than any other Barn draws complaints

**STOUFFVILLE** — An Ontario Humane Society official has said he receives more complaints about the Stouffville stockyards and auction barn than any other livestock auction and sale operation in Ontario.

Thomas Hughes, executive manager of the Ontario Humane Society, accused provincial government veterinarians of not adequately controlling conditions at livestock auction yards.

Mr. Hughes said he would like to have a full-time inspector at the Stouffville stockyards but he has neither the money or the manpower.

He said the majority of the complaints, from Toronto area residents, are about mistreatment of animals at the local operation.

He recounted stories of calves brought to auction with their legs tied together and chicks tied in bunches of 12 and put into plastic bags.

Such enterprises are licenced by the provincial government and are supposed to be supervised by government veterinarians.

"If an animal can walk into the ring, a government vet will approve him," Mr. Hughes said.

An Ontario Ministry of Agriculture official, veterinary supervisor Dr. Lloyd Coleman, denied receiving any complaints about the stockyard.

Bev Marsh, Port Perry, says she's seen animals beaten in the auction pens.

"One little calf died in a pen," she said. "The people there knew it was dying but instead of doing anything about it they kicked it and rapped it with a cane."

She complained of lambs being kicked and booted across the ring and of overcrowding.

## Youth fined after accident, chase

**NEWMARKET** — A Stouffville youth was fined \$250 and placed on one year's probation, after pleading guilty to charges of dangerous driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

Robert Donald Burkholder, 17, was also ordered to pay \$300 restitution for damage caused in an accident near Newcastle.

Newmarket Provincial Court last week heard testimony which revealed that the youth led police on a chase through Stouffville, travelling at high speeds in 30 m.p.h. zones and running a number of stop signs.

When apprehended, the youth told police he tried to get away because he didn't have a driver's license. He admitted that he left the scene of an accident in Durham Region, after colliding with a car on a regional road and forcing it into a ditch.

Judge R. G. Pearce said that he found the youth to be "irresponsible." The judge ordered restitution saying that "if offenders are made to pay for damages themselves, insurance rates for law abiding drivers may come down a bit."

Other first place awards went to: Burnell Wylie, Oakwood; Wes Jarvis, East Agincourt; Brian DeGeer, Mt. Albert; Keith Robinson, Cookstown; Herb Jarvis, East Agincourt; and Ken McGuckin, Mt. Albert.

Special awards went to: Eric Timbers, T. D. Boyse Special; Ashmore Reesor, Antique Special; Kevin Wells, F. Stan Tyndall Memorial Award; Wayne Forsythe, Esso Champions Special — 1974 Tractors — Mounted — Two Furrows — Utility; Murray Empringham, International Harvester Company of Canada; Kevin Wells, Eaton's Junior Championship Trophy; Wes Jarvis, Newmarket Era and Express Perpetual Trophy; the Guaranty Trust of Stouffville award, and Toronto Eric Timbers, Kleinburg Lions Club Trophy.

Second prize winners were: Anthony Featherstone Milliken; Ken Wells, Stouffville; Greg Timbers, Sanford; Michael Grove, R. R. 1; Floyd Forsythe, Stouffville (in two categories); Ron McGuckin, Mt. Albert; Murray Empringham, R. R. 1, Unionville; Dave Foote, Stouffville; Jim Ferguson, Stouffville; Greg Timbers, Sanford; and John O'Spang, Stouffville.

Third prize winners were: Lorne Britton, Claremont;

## After strenuous debate School to be upgraded

**STOUFFVILLE** — Summitview School will be upgraded to a high standard after trustee John McMurray did some prodding at the last Board of Education meeting.

McMurray took exception to the Capital Expenditure Forecast, which provided for an outlay of \$150,000 on Summitview. He pointed out that changes to the school, which have long been promised, were not included in the work to be done.

The chief architect from the Ministry of Education, looked at the building, he said. "He will report if we need a new building, frankly, I hope we do."

He compared the situation to recent repairs which have been needed at Newmarket High School. McMurray expressed doubt whether it was worth trying to save the old building, but reminded members that they have undertaken to make such repairs.

In Stouffville we've also got a school which is very old and antiquated," he said. "It's had some work done, it's safe now."

The Stouffville trustee said that Summitview badly needs a library and general purpose room.

"It seems that if you make a lot of noise and beat on the drum, you get what you want," he observed. "In Stouffville, we've been peaceful and patient and waited our turn. We were promised this some time ago. I feel these items should be added to the forecast."

"There's no area for the kids to play now," he said.

He put forward a motion that the Capital Forecast be revised to include a general purpose room and resource centre.

When a vote was taken, McMurray's amendment passed and funds will be added to the forecast for work at Summitview.

The forecast also provided \$181,500 for a library resource centre at Orchard Park Public School. Both projects will get underway next year.

## Cop car hit, man charged

**STOUFFVILLE** — A Scarborough man turned himself in and has been charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident after his car backed into one owned by York Regional Police detective, last week.

Det. Douglas Tribbling's car was parked at Ratcliff Lumber, on the Stouffville Rd. A car backed into the side of the car, then left the scene. Police say the driver refused to stop on demand.

The license number was obtained and the man approached at his home, but denied knowledge of the offense. He later turned himself in at 28 division (Richmond Hill).

Maurice Thompson, 46, has been charged.

## Stouffville youths capture top plowing trophies

**STOUFFVILLE** — Stouffville youths were victorious in half of the 12 classes Saturday as they competed in the East York, King and Vaughan Plowing Match.

First prize winners and their classes were: Eric Timbers, Tractors, Stubble Mounted Plows (ages 12-14 inclusive); Wayne Forsythe, Mounted Plows; John Hulshof, R. R. 4, Tractors; Paul Hulshof, R. R. 4, Stubble Tractor Mounted; Kevin Wells, R. R. 4, Tractor Utility; and John O'Spang, Antique Tractor Class.

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Janice Grove, 13, daughter of Lloyd Grove, R. R. 1, Stouffville, was one of two girls entered in the junior section of the East York, King and Vaughan, Plowing Match. The other girl was her sister Karen, 17. —Don Bernard.